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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR PRIME MINISTER RABIN

REF: SECTO 8123

1. I MET WITH RABIN AT 0800 TODAY--EARLIEST FEASIBLE OPPORTUNITY FOLLOWING HIS RETURN LAST NIGHT FROM STOCKHOLM.

2. RABIN READILY ACQUIESCED IN MY SUGGESTION THAT WE MEET ALONE. I TOLD HIM I WAS INSTRUCTED NOT TO LEAVE A COPY OF PRESIDENT'S LETTER AND EXPLAINED WHY. I THEN HANDED HIM TEXT WHICH HE READ WITH GREAT CARE BUT ON WHICH HE TOOK NO REPEAT NO NOTES.

3. RABIN SAID HE WAS UNHAPPY AT WAY OUR RELATIONS WERE DEVELOPING AND HE WAS SURE WE TOO WOULD LIKE TO AVOID FURTHER DETERIORATION. I AGREED AND ASKED FOR HIS SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW WE SHOULD PROCEED. RABIN SAID HE WOULD PREFER NOT REPEAT NOT MAKE FORMAL REPLY TO PRESIDENT'S LETTER AND ASKED ME TO SO TO INFORM WASHINGTON. HE HOPED PRESIDENT WOULD UNDERSTAND SPIRIT IN WHICH THIS SUGGESTION WAS PUT FORWARD; RABIN SIMPLY WANTED TO BRING TO A CLOSE AN EXCHANGE, WHICH, IF EXTENDED, WOULD ONLY FURTHER FRAY OUR RELATIONS AT THIS

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CRITICAL JUNCTURE. IF OBLIGED TO REPLY, RABIN SAID HE WOULD

HAVE TO REPEAT REBUTTAL STATEMENTS MADE BOTH THROUGH ME AND ISRAELI EMBASSY WASHINGTON IN PREVIOUS EXCHANGES.

4. TURNING TO SUBSTANCE OF LETTER, RABIN REGRETTED THERE HAD BEEN LEAKS--IN BOTH CAPITALS, HE SAID-- AND HE WOULD DO HIS BEST TO PLUG THEM HERE. RE COMPLAINT OF ISRAELI PUBLIC REJECTION OF EGYPTIAN COUNTERPROPOSAL, HE COULD ONLY REPEAT WHAT HE HAD CONVEYED IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES--I.E. IT WAS TV COMMENTARY AND NOT REPEAT NOT CABINET STATEMENT THAT USED THE TERM "REJECT". ON OUR VERSION OF CONTENTS OF DEMARCHES MADE BY ISRAELIS IN EUROPEAN CAPITALS, HE SIMPLY COULD NOT UNDERSTAND HOW SUCH MISINFORMATION COULD ARISE. WHILE IT WAS POSSIBLE A ZEALOUS AMBASSADOR OR TWO MAY HAVE STRETCHED OR EMBELLISHED INSTRUCTIONS, HE DID NOT THINK SO AND IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT IN NO CAPITAL HAD ISRAELIS STATED US SUPPORTED ISRAELI PROPOSALS OR PRESSED FOR INTERCESSION WITH EGYPTIANS. SO DISTRESSED WAS HE BY THIS CHARGE THAT IN STOCKHOLM WITHOUT IN ANY WAY REVEALING US DISPLEASURE HE HAD SPECIFICALLY ASKED WILSON IF ANY ISRAELI SPOKESMAN AT ANY LEVEL HAD TAKEN THIS LINE WITH BRITISH PRIME MINISTER OR HIS SUBORDINATES. WILSON HAD SAID NO CATEGORICALLY.

5. I TOLD RABIN I WOULD REPEAT HIS SUGGESTION AND COMMENTS TO THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY. RABIN SAID HE HOPED FOR EARLY POSITIVE REPLY; MEANWHILE HE WOULD SAY NOTHING TO HIS COLLEAGUES ABOUT LETTER OR OUR EXCHANGE.
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